

Estimated available balances.....	\$20,742,407 00
From this deduct accrued and accruing obligations estimated as follows:	
Redemption of past due bonds, fractional currency and national bank notes.....	\$5,000,000 00
Probable payment of currency contracts, not embraced in foregoing estimation.....	1,000,000 00
Total.....	\$6,080,000 00
Paying.....	\$47,852,407 00

ROPED HIM UP.

Quick Punishment Follows a Black Fiend's Crime.

Taken From Jail and Hanged to the Nearest Tree.

HE ASSAULTED AND MURDERED MISS MIRANDA BRYANT.

One of the Most Dastardly Crimes on Record—The Victim Brutally Assaulted and Then Beaten to Death With a Bludgeon—Incriminating Blood Stains Found On the Negro's Clothing—No Confession Made.

JELICO, Tenn., Dec. 7.—This little mountain town has been the scene of many excited gatherings during the mining troubles of East Tennessee which had such a tragic finale before Fort Anderson a few months ago. Its inhabitants are of a class that are quickly aroused when danger menaces or an outrage upon members of the community cries out for vengeance.

This was tragically illustrated this morning, when a burly negro, wearing from the city calaboose by a band of quickly summoned mountaineers and hanged to the tree nearest the gate of the lock-up.

Yesterday afternoon Miss Miranda Bryant, the daughter of a highly respected family living in the village, paid a visit to a neighbor's house. While returning to her home on the outskirts of the town, in passing through a grove of scruboaks which lined the highway on either side, she was set upon by a black fiend and brutally outraged and murdered. She was dragged from the road to a clump of underbrush and there the deed was committed. She had evidently made a desperate struggle to save her life and honor. When the body was found a short time after life was extinct, it was apparent that the murderer had used a bludgeon to still her cries and enable him to accomplish his design. Her screams were heard by the people living not far away and, as soon as the body was found, search was at once begun for the murderer.

In a few hours a negro, known by the name of Ty, was found, whose torn clothing, covered with bloodstains, pointed to him as the guilty man. He taken into custody and placed in the lock-up.

Shortly before daylight a mob gathered about the frail calaboose and demanded the prisoner of the City Marshal. The demand was, of course, refused, but the officer was quickly overpowered, the door battered down, and the suspect was soon in the hands of men who knew no mercy.

With a rope about his neck he was hurried to the nearest tree, and, without a moment to say his prayers, swung into eternity. Their work done the mob quietly dispersed. No arrests have been made and it is not likely that any will follow.

The negro was a worthless character, who bore the name of Ty because he had been raised on the farm of Judge Ty of Williamsburg, Ky., just across the state line.

Miss Bryant was about 25 years of age. Her funeral takes place to-day.

An unconfirmed rumor arrived later to-day that three men were engaged in the assault on the young lady, two negroes and a white man.

It is reported that the three were lynched.

Chicago Crooks Caught.

Detectives Allender and Smith and a squad of Third District patrolmen arrested seven local and three Chicago crooks in the attic of 108 North Broadway yesterday morning. The Chicago men are Peter White, Thomas Murry, alias Kane, and Charles Gray. The St. Louis men are James Cleary, Ed. Doran, Wm. Snow, Casper Heppelburgh, David Grish, Edward Cleary and Thomas Moran. They will all be sent to the City Court as vagrants if felony charges cannot be preferred against them. The Chicagoans acknowledge that they were company men in the case of a daring hold-up a few nights ago. Spinner and Haven, who were caught in the act of a daring hold-up a few nights ago, spinner and Haven, who were caught in the act of a daring hold-up a few nights ago, spinner and Haven, who were caught in the act of a daring hold-up a few nights ago.

Police Changes.

At yesterday's regular meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, Patrolman Dennis Garvey of the Sixth District was dismissed from the force for intoxication. Patrolman Ed Richards of the Fifth was fined \$5 for drinking in a saloon. Patrolman Louis H. Schuster of the Sixth was fined \$10 for conduct unbecoming an officer. The charges against Patrolman Thomas M. Murphy of the Sixth were laid over until the next meeting. The resignation of Telephone Operator James Daley of the Sixth was accepted. Messenger Robert Reed of the Third was promoted to the rank of telephone operator. James Shey was appointed as messenger in the third.

Snow in Kansas.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 7.—It has been snowing here since midnight and still continues now. The storm extends over the entire state. Farmers are pleased, as it will help winter wheat.

Complications Over a Livery Bill.

There is a small legal complication out in the county which is attracting no little comment. J. G. Hawkins, a livery stable keeper, filed a replevin suit against Zach Mitchell, the attorney, to obtain possession of Mitchell's buggy which he had hired for a horse. Justice Jacob gave Hawkins a judgment and Town Marshal Phil Shaw of Kirkwood executed the writ. Mitchell obtained a judgment against Shaw and is now in jail for \$20 and costs. The bug is still in the title to it is in Shaw, the board bill for the horse is undisputed and yet so far Mr. Mitchell seems to be on top. An appeal will be taken in the case.

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Buying a piano of any grade on easy payments at Koerber's, 1108 Olive. Pianos for rent.

Where Is Daniel McLaughlin?

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JOURNEYMEN BARBERS' CONVENTION.

Presentation to President Meyers—Committee Appointed To-Day.

The convention of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union got down to work to-day, and from now on two sessions will be held daily in the hope of finishing up the work by the end of the week. Yesterday the convention organized and the consideration of the report of the Committee on Credentials consumed most of its time. During the afternoon there was a pleasant break in the monotony of these proceedings, when President J. C. Meyers, who is looked upon as the founder of the International Union, though it was really in existence before he became President, was presented with a splendid gold badge. In making the presentation W. E. Klopetsky gave a cursory review of the history of the order. It was organized Dec. 5, 1887, by five men, with Edward Finkelstone of New York at the head. Finkelstone became a socialist and neglected the union, which lay dormant until Dec. 5, 1890, when it was reorganized, with H. G. Hook of Muskegon, Mich., as President. But Hook soon disquieted himself, and William Hain of Toledo, O., who was Vice-President, assumed the duties of President until the convention of last year. Ind. Dec. 5, 1890, elected J. C. Meyers to the presidency. At that time two subordinates had no way of ascertaining how they stood with the general body. Meyers extracted the union from a chaotic condition, and put it on the road to future usefulness. This he did Mr. Klopetsky said, at the cost of almost superhuman effort and the loss of seven months' salary. A growth exceeding the President's greatest efforts had resulted from the efforts of Mr. Meyers. The President seemed greatly embarrassed at this tribute, but responded fittingly. The medal is of solid gold, a pendant shield bearing the national colors. At the top in black letters is the name of the recipient, and on a gold bar across the shield are the initials J. I. U. On the inside is engraved: "Presented to President Meyers at the Fifth Annual Convention at St. Louis, Mo., by his friends, Dec. 7, 1892."

Upon the opening of the convention this morning President Meyers made an address, in which he told of the work confronting the International Union. This has been outlined in the Post-Dispatch. He said that the President then announced the following committees:

On Resolutions—George F. N. J. Metts, C. Fook, C. W. Lewis, T. T. Giles, On Laws—W. C. Heldkamp, J. W. Sapp, G. A. Hain, On Jurisdiction—George Schmitt, J. C. Meyers, On Grievances—O. B. Payne, J. W. Hunter, J. Lucas, On Finance—J. E. Burtless, T. P. Button, Wm. Linsig, On Welfare of the Union—W. H. Fields, A. G. Spoon, H. B. Chiers, J. Brunskill, Charles Holtzman, Press Committee—W. E. Klopetsky, J. M. Spittel, H. P. Miller, A communication was received from Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, congratulating the union upon its progress in the past two years and its promising present condition. The convention will hold an open meeting at Turner Hall on Friday evening, when there will be addresses, and members of the craft, who are not delegates, may be heard on subjects affecting the welfare of the trade.

CHEAP SILVER.

An Offer to Make Standard Dollars for 90 Cents Each.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 7.—A strikingly suggestive letter was to-day sent to Secretary Foster of the United States Treasury Department by Supt. Allen of the Butte and Boston Mining Co. of the city. The letter is an offer to make any amount of much better silver dollars for 90 cents apiece than are at present in use. Mr. Allen takes the position that counting silver at 80 cents per ounce, the intrinsic value of a silver dollar is 67.5 cents. He would put in each dollar 40 grains of pure silver, the present silver dollar only contains 37.4 grains and he would number and letter each coin so that the government would not be compelled to redeem duplicate, a safeguard now neglected. Mr. Allen says he would not care to receive the silver while the price of silver was anywhere under 125.25. The letter adds: "While it has always been possible to counterfeit paper money, the present silver coin can be produced at a profit of 8 per cent and a coin that cannot be detected. This is true of silver money, whether foreign or American. Now my proposition is to either withdraw the present silver money before the excess becomes so large that it will bankrupt the government or to combine with foreign powers who are equally in danger and made the old standard dollar. It shows that the government will never have to pay face value. In commenting upon the letter the Daily Miner says: 'It shows that the government will never have to pay face value. In commenting upon the letter the Daily Miner says: 'It shows that the government will never have to pay face value. In commenting upon the letter the Daily Miner says: 'It shows that the government will never have to pay face value.'

Opera Glasses for Christmas Gifts.

\$5.50 to \$50. Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway, cor. Locust.

Miller & Stephenson's Stock Sold.

The Miller & Stephenson stock sold by order of the Circuit Court, was bought by Mr. William Nichols from the assignee at a very low figure. Mr. Nichols will sell these goods at prices that will clear them out at once. He has placed Mr. John Stephenson in charge of the stock at the old store, 614 Locust street, and will be ready for business to-morrow (Thursday) morning. The public will be the gainers by the misfortune of this firm, and just before Christmas, too, when they can appreciate it.

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BURGLARS BAGGED.

Charles Zimmerman Catches Two Robbers in His Saloon.

AFTER HE FIRED TWO SHOTS THEY TREW UP THEIR HANDS.

The Plucky Saloon-Keeper Stands Guard While a Messenger Was Dispatched for the Police—Charles Wilson, Wanted for Murder Here, Captured in Chicago—Shooting on Market Street.

At 4:45 o'clock this morning Charles Zimmerman, a bar keeper at Aleck Franczyk's saloon, 110 North Broadway, who sleeps over the saloon, heard the sound of breaking glass down stairs and went down to investigate, revolver in hand. He discovered two young men in the saloon. He ordered them to throw up their hands, and they not complying, he fired two shots at them, but did not hit them. The young men then threw up their hands, and Zimmerman stood guard over them while a messenger was dispatched to the police station. Sergt. Ryan and Officers Knott and Simcox came and arrested the men, who gave their names as Pete Flaherty and Leo Egin. Flaherty had \$6.35 in nickels and dimes, which are alleged to have been taken from the saloon cash drawer.

Tried to Play Robber.

At 12:45 o'clock this morning John Blight, living at 111 North Ninth street, while on his way home, was stopped by a 17-year-old boy on Biddle street, at the mouth of an alley between Eighth and Ninth streets. The boy flourished a razor in his hand and ordered Blight to deliver what he had in his possession or take the consequences. Blight pleaded that he was a poor man and had no money and, watching his chance, dealt the boy a blow with his fist. Blight then ran east to Seventh street where he met Police Officers Knott and Simcox, who with him and arrested the boy, who gave his name as Hughes McKelroy. A razor was found on McKelroy, who has heretofore borne a good reputation.

Wronged or Very Guilty.

Robert Jones, an old negro over 60 years old was fined \$25 in the First District Police Court on complaint of Rosetta Kershaw and Fanny Taylor of 8085 Laclede avenue, two colored girls aged 11 and 14 years, who charged that he made an indecent proposal to one of them, Dec. 5, in the vicinity of their home. Judge Morris reconsidered the matter, and stayed the fine until the matter could be further inquired into. The old man said that the girls met him on the street and wanted him to give them 25 cents, stating that if he would not that they would have him arrested.

A Harmless Shooting.

About 10:15 a. m. to-day a man named Hon Shouler and another man entered the saloon of Martin Neiser, ex-City Marshal, at 191 Market street. The two men got into a dispute with the barkeeper, Geo. M. Neiser, and one of them drew a pistol and began shooting at the barkeeper. The barkeeper used a revolver and returned the fire. The men ran out of the saloon and over Thirteenth street to Chestnut street and out Chestnut street to Fourteenth street, pursued by the barkeeper, who kept firing at them. No one was hurt and no arrests made.

Wilson Arrested in Chicago.

A telegram was received from Chicago to-day stating that Charles Wilson, colored, who is charged with shooting Moses Hodges, colored, of 115 South Leonard avenue, this city, Nov. 8, was arrested in Chicago. Hodges is in a very critical condition at the City Hospital.

Spinner to Be Taken to Chicago.

John Wheeler of Chicago, Lieutenant of Police, arrived in St. Louis to-day to bring back to Chicago Jake Spinner, who is under arrest here and is wanted in Chicago on a charge of killing Walter Fay, Nov. 27 last. Lieut. Wheeler says he could use a few more of Chief Desmond's guests, but they can't be spared.

Saloon-Keeper O'Neill's Wooden Wall.

John O'Neill, the proprietor of the Oak saloon, which was burned down some time ago, has gotten into trouble with the police authorities in reconstructing his establishment. He put up a board fence between it and the adjoining premises, occupied by Sal. Jones, a violation of the police ordinances. He has been summoned to appear before the Police Court on Dec. 15.

Christmas Cards, 5 Cts. to \$10.

See the new lovely things at Mermod & Jaccard's, Broadway, cor. Locust.

Senator Dick Love.

Senator-elect Dick Love of Kansas City in St. Louis transacting business of a private nature. When Kansas City was redistricted it gave the city at the mouth of the Kaw two Senators instead of one, and Mr. Love received the nomination and was elected as the new Senator. Mr. Love has dropped out of politics for the present, and will not until after the 4th of January devote any of his time to his Senatorial duties.

The Peerless Knabe pianos sold by J. A. Kleisohoff, 1000 Olive street.

Presentation to Messenger Hermans.

At a meeting of the messengers of the Pacific Express Co. in St. Louis yesterday afternoon, Messenger Hermans was presented with a fine gold watch and chain by Mr. O. W. Case, Assistant Superintendent, in behalf of the Pacific Express Co. The watch was presented to Mr. Hermans as a recognition of his meritorious work and devotion to the afternoon of Nov. 28, when his car was wrecked on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern at Williamsville, Mo.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for Children Teething softens the gums and kills all pain. 25c.

Among the Brokers.

There was more activity than usual in mining stock, and prices were higher. Elizabeth was strong, advancing to 50, at which price 50 shares were transferred. It afterwards dropped a little, being offered at 45, with 47 1/2 bid. Small Hopes was bid, with offers at \$1. Himecalle was in demand at \$10.50, but sellers wanted \$11. Bids for Pat Murphy were at 4 1/2, with offers at 5.

American and Kettle was 27 1/2 bid, and was for \$20 and costs. The bug is still in the title to it is in Shaw, the board bill for the horse is undisputed and yet so far Mr. Mitchell seems to be on top. An appeal will be taken in the case.

Commencing To-Morrow at

Agente

An Important Sale of

Fine Fur Capes and Fur Jackets

At Much Less Than Regular Prices.

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$45.....

At \$25

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$55.....

At \$30

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$65.....

At \$35

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$85.....

At \$45

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$90.....

At \$50

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$100.....

At \$65

Fine Mink Capes, Regular price, \$120.....

At \$75

Alaska Seal Capes, Regular price, \$60.....

At \$27.50

China Seal Capes, 24 and 30 inches long.....

Regular price, \$50.....

At \$27.50

Fine Otter Capes, Regular price, \$65.....

At \$37.50

Finest Otter Capes, Regular price, \$175.....

At \$97.50

Fine Beaver Capes, Regular price, \$50.....

At \$30

Finest Beaver Capes, Regular price, \$79.50.....

At \$45

Alaska Seal Jackets, Regular price, \$150.....

At \$95

China Seal Jackets, Regular price, \$50.....

At \$27.50

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DO NOT OVERLOOK

The list of low prices the Merchants will advertise To-morrow (Thursday's) Post-Dispatch.

In the Criminal Court.

Judge Castleman overruled the motion for a new trial in the Walter Ahern case this morning, and the verdict of the jury, sentencing him to the Penitentiary for ten years, will stand. Ahern made an assault to kill upon Charles Koehler of the Columbia Brewery, and also shot two other bystanders at the opening of the brewery last summer. He was prosecuted under the habitual criminal act, as he has served several terms in the penitentiary. He was offered a compromise of three years if he would plead guilty, but he insisted on a trial, and was sentenced for ten years.

A warrant was issued this morning charging Paul Ring with fraud. It is said he called on R. R. Ringen and obtained two stoves on false representations.

Chief Desmond received a letter from a private detective outside the city this morning requesting a copy of a warrant for Theodore Prindle, who killed his wife on Nineteenth and Carr streets on Oct. 18, and was sentenced for ten years.

A photograph of Prindle all over the United States, and it is thought one of them fell into the hands of the writer of the letter and he thinks he can locate the murderer. A copy of the warrant was sent to him.

Alice Is Free.

Judge Fisher granted Alice Mills a decree of divorce from Andrew Mills this morning. Both parties are colored and she alleges general indignities.

BARGAIN HUNTERS

Will find what they want in the advertising columns of to-morrow's (Thursday's) Post-Dispatch.

CUT FROM \$5.00

\$3.75

100 PAIR

Of Men's Calf and Kangaroo Hand-Welt Bais and Congress.

All styles and Widths. We Must Unload.

STACY, ADAMS & CO.

C. W. PARRISH CO., 409 N. Broadway

Sole Agents for Stacy, Adams & Co.'s celebrated Men's Fine Shoes.

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100 STYLES

LADIES' DESKS

\$5 to \$50 All Beautiful and well made.

SEE Few Patterns in Window. Full Stock. Best in town.

Best Christmas Goods.

See All Our Other Goods, Too.

Acres of Rich Things at Low Prices.

Scavitt Furniture

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FURNITURE FOR THE HOME

Is a fit subject for a man and wife to consider, also young men and ladies contemplating matrimony. A neatly furnished home is a place of rest and perpetual delight. Hence, happiness is largely due to one's surroundings. Our elegant stock of Furniture, Carpets, Lace Curtains, Rugs, Linoleums, Stoves and Chinaware is a constant source of joy to those who see them, and the offer they are seen the greater the joy. Our Dining-room Suites are modern in style and attractive in design. See my handsome Parlor Suite for \$45, upholstered in silk tapestry.

See Our Xmas Presents.

Chas. Neidmeyer

1001-1003-1005 FRANKLIN AV.

A better turn to all markets. Liverpool up 56 1/4 and domestic markets show liberal advances. No sales local and quotations stand unchanged. The Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia in his report states that the average estimate of 550,000 bales for the State cannot be exceeded, and may be reduced.

NEW ORLEANS—LOCAL QUOTATIONS.

Ordinary..... 8 1/2 Middling..... 9 1/4 Low middling..... 8 1/4 Middling fair..... 9 1/4

Times up and retained less than white.

Receipts to-day..... 1892-93..... 1891-92.....

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FOR LADIES' AND GENTLEMEN'S XMAS PRESENTS.

How Your Appreciation of Your Letter Carrier's
Faithful service by clipping the Coupon from the Post-Dispatch every day and voting it in his favor.



NO COME

The Statements of Paddock and Peffer Contradicted.

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DISCUSSION AROUSED ON CHAMBERST'S SENATE MEMORIAL.

The Charge That There Is an Alliance Between the Elevators, Millers and Railroads Denounced—Opinions on the Effect of the Hatch Anti-Option Bill—Farmers Altering Their Views.

There was not a little discussion on the floor of the Merchants' Exchange to-day in reference to the memorial opposing the Hatch anti-option bill, presented in the United States Senate by Senators Paddock and Peffer. While it was nearly the universal opinion that the bill if passed would be an unneeded evil, and charges made against millers and elevators were declared to be false. The memorial states that in the Northwest and in this city there is a combine between the elevators, millers and railroads whereby open competition is prevented, and a few men are enabled to put the price at such figure as is deemed desirable. It is charged that the anti-option bill was gotten up by this alleged combine.

GOV. STANARD'S VIEWS.

In reference to this ex-Gov. E. O. Standard said: "Peffer and Paddock don't know what they are talking about. There is no such combine as they speak of in this city, or, in fact, anywhere else in the country. The charge that the low price of wheat is due to such an alliance can be disposed of by reference to a few facts. To-day we are combining here, shipped abroad without a loss of from 7 to 8 cents a bushel. Flour can only be sold at the rate of a shilling a barrel. I don't believe that there is a miller in the country who can afford to run his mill at a profit of less than 10c. This year the Pillsbury mills, which it is charged have been robbing the farmers, did not make enough to pay their taxes and dividend. This does not look like the miller has gotten too much and is desperate enough to sell at a loss. If the cause of the low prices is not combinations, but overproduction, if people produce more than the market will take instead of three prices would be better. So far from millers destroying the price of wheat, they are doing what they would greatly prefer to see it raised. As to the railroad rates, I do not know where the lines are doing, but they are operating under the interstate commerce law, and can be punished or arrested for violation."

NOT CAUSED BY COMBINATION.

John W. Kaufman said: "It is nonsense to say there is a combine here. There is nothing of the sort. As a miller I would tell you that the anti-option bill is passed for no other reason than to enable them to sell for pretty much what we farmers offer him. It is not a combine, it is opposed to it. I wonder who the farmers who are pushing the bill think is carrying the load? It is the farmer, not the elevator farmer, but the bull speculator, who hopes for a rise. If it were not for him the farmer would have his grain in his hands. The law of supply and demand, not any organization, is the cause of the present situation."

Sid R. Francis said: "Of course there is no mill and elevator combine to depress prices here. The Pillsbury combine in the Northwest owns a great many elevators and mills, but is not a combine in the sense charged against it and Peffer's statement is utterly untrue to say that any such combine exists here."

SOME SIGNIFICANT LETTERS.

Walter Teasdale, in speaking of the proposed anti-option bill, said: "And that the country buyers and the farmers have decidedly changed their opinions, and are now in favor of the bill. I have seen a lot of letters. Instances of this were called to my attention. One of them was from a gentleman, owner in the state, instructing me that if the bill appeared likely to pass to sell their wheat at once. Another letter was from a man who is beginning to see that the enactment of such a law would have a disastrous effect upon the business of the country. Many others denounced the statement in the editorial that a combine existed in this city, as false."

ALTON.

ALTON, Ill., Dec. 7.—At a meeting of the Board of Education last night the resignations of Miss Agnes Toobey, teacher in the evening school and Miss Sophie Eppenberger, teacher in the Humboldt school, were taken up. Four resolutions were adopted. When the resolutions were received, but the election of the new teachers was postponed till Saturday next. The new school recently opened in the old Garfield Building, was reported by Supt. Haight as quite prosperous. The usual Christmas vacation will be observed for the Christmas holidays.

The east end of the city is to have a new hotel which will be built on the corner of Sixth and Springfield streets by Alderman Volbrueck, chairman of the building committee. The city is growing rapidly.

John Bergen, who had been arrested for an assault upon Almira Smith, was arraigned before Squire Noonan yesterday afternoon, and committed to jail until he could meet the action of the Grand Jury. He was taken to the county jail at Alton.

Alton Post, G. A. B., have elected the following officers for the new year: Commander, Joseph Schuch; Senior Vice-Commander, R. S. Dixon; Junior Vice-Commander, F. Brooks; Chaplain, W. W. Reeder; Quartermaster, J. C. Nason; Officer of the Guard, Henry Misa; Gades; Officer of the Guard, H. Carpenter.

A fire occurred in the building of the city was brought here yesterday from Gillespie, where he was injured on the Big Four. He was taken to St. Louis, where he died. The cause was found that one hand had been crushed.

The city authorities and the Alton Gas & Electric Light Co. have come to an agreement yet for lighting the city. F. C. Nason, president of the company, claims that the company is losing money, and he wants an increased price paid for the gas. The company proposes to furnish fifty electric lights at the cost of \$108 per light, and the City Council, however, has refused to accept the proposition.

Mrs. H. B. Phinney left yesterday for Vasa, Minn., to visit her mother.

Messrs. E. A. and E. H. Kiehl and Miss Nellie Kiehl left yesterday for Champagne, to attend the annual convention of the National Agricultural Society.

Miss Rose Saunders' kindergarten school gave a musical entertainment at Temple Theater last evening. It was largely attended, and the exercises of the children delighted the audience.

Collinsville.

COLLINSVILLE, Dec. 7.—The Jolly Seven have issued invitations for grand ball to be given at the Collinsville hall, on Friday eve.

C. H. Craft is very ill at his home in this city with typhoid fever.

Mrs. George Langford was called to St. Louis this week by the severe illness of her son and daughter.

Judge W. Wright left Monday for Springfield, Ill., to attend synod.

Judge Irwin has been down from Illinois after some working while the interests of the Belt Road.

The North League met Tuesday evening at the M. E. Church.

Mrs. Joe Miller left this week for Omaha, Neb., to visit her mother.

The funeral of Mr. Hoffendack took place from St. Peter and Paul's church Sunday afternoon and was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Meyer were called to St. Louis this week by the illness of relatives.

Samuels of Chicago are expected to arrive to give a Christmas entertainment.

Avia.

AVA, Dec. 7.—Mr. Samuel Russell of East St. Louis is visiting his brothers, F. M. and W. C. Russell.

Miss Kittie Wood, who was one of our school teachers last year, has sailed for India, where she goes as a missionary. Her home is at Homestead, Io.

The teachers of this, Bradley Township, are held an institute at Campbell Hill, on the 17th inst.

The Missionary Baptists are holding niggingings, on the 17th inst. They are successful.

Mr. Alney McCreary has purchased Mr. Henry

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